## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE BEFORE THE TRADEMARK TRIAL AND APPEAL BOARD

In re: Laureate Learning Systems, Inc.

Serial No.: 76/226,904

Applicant: Laureate Learning Systems, Inc.

Application Filed: March 20, 2001

Mark: LAUREATE

Atty/Docket No: B08208-00005

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September 24, 2004

## REQUEST FOR THREE MONTH SUSPENSION

Applicant hereby requests that the Board suspend further action on this case for a period of three (3) months. As grounds in support of this request, Applicant asserts that it will use this three (3) month period to attempt to enter into a consent agreement with the new owner of the mark in U.S. Registration No. 1508958.

By way of background, the Trademark Examining Attorney refused registration of Applicant's mark LAUREATE based on a determination that Applicant's mark LAUREATE, when used in connection with the identified goods, so resembles the mark in U.S. Registration No. 1508958 as to be likely to cause confusion, to cause mistake, or to deceive. Applicant has learned that the original owner of U.S. Registration No. 1508958, Mr. Edward Scully, has

assigned this registration to an unrelated entity, Laureate Education, Inc., a Maryland

corporation, having a mailing address of 1001 Fleet Street, Baltimore, Maryland 20202.

Applicant's attorney, the undersigned, has recently held discussions regarding a consent

agreement with legal counsel for Laureate Education, Inc. Laureate Education, Inc.'s legal

counsel in this matter is Mark B. Harrison of the law firm Venable LLP, with a mailing address

at 575 7th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20004. Mr. Harrison has consented to Applicant's

request for a suspension of these proceedings. Based on Applicant's discussions with Mr.

Harrison, Applicant's attorney, the undersigned, believes there is a good chance that Applicant

and Laureate Education, Inc. will enter into a consent agreement under which Laureate

Education, Inc. would consent to Applicant's use and registration of the mark LAUREATE,

which is the subject of U.S. Application No. 76/226,904.

Applicant respectfully submits that if it can obtain an appropriate consent agreement from

Laureate Education, Inc. during this three (3) month period, Applicant would so notify the

Board, and Applicant would then ask the Board to remand Applicant's application to the

Trademark Examining Attorney for consideration of the consent agreement as new evidence.

Please feel free to telephone or email the undersigned if Applicant's attorney can answer

any questions regarding this request for a suspension.

Respectfully submitted,

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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed is a Request for Three Month Suspension in the Ex Parte Appeal for the aboveidentified trademark application.

Respectfully submitted,

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